

REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment is filed in connection with a Request for Continued Examination and an Information Disclosure Statement. All claims are believed to be in condition for allowance.

Claims 6-11, 13-17, 20, and 23 are pending in the case.

No claims have been added.

No claims have been amended.

The Applicant respectfully requests entry of the co-filed Information Disclosure Statement which includes new references. The case is believed allowable over these references.

In the event that the Examiner deems personal contact desirable in disposition of this case, the Examiner is encouraged to call the undersigned attorney at (617) 951-3078.

All independent claims are believed to be in condition for allowance.

All dependent claims are believed to be dependent from allowable independent claims.

The Applicant respectfully solicits favorable action.

Please charge any additional fee occasioned by this paper to our Deposit Account

No. 03-1237.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "James Blanchette", is written over a horizontal line.

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